

Application No. 10/769,762

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs [0015] and [0016] as indicated below.

[0015] The inner working of vehicle safety restraint adjuster 10 will now be explained with reference to Figures 2 and 3. Figure 2 illustrates vehicle safety restraint adjuster 10 in the locked state while Figure 3 illustrates the device in the unlocked state. In the locked state, button 66, which is mounted to arm 24, is held by spring 42 in locked position 26. Arm 24 is connected to button 62 ~~66~~ on one end as shown in Figure 1 and supports magnet 38 at the other end as shown in Figure 2. Magnet 38 serves to hold up latch 58, which is made of a magnetic receptive material, through magnetic force. Latch 58 is pivotally mounted to slide 14. Magnet 38 may be an electromagnet, which is controlled by control unit 46 to be "on" or "off." Latch 58 serves to lock slide 14 in place by engaging teeth 62 of rail 18 as shown by cross-section in Figure 4. In this way, slide 14 is held at locked position 26 on rail 18. Moreover, downward movement of an air bag 100 in the direction of arrow B does not cause magnet 38 to change its position so that inadvertent unlocking of the adjustable turning loop may be avoided.

[0016] To unlock adjustable turning loop 10, as shown in Figure 1 and Figure 3, button 66 and consequently arm 24 is moved in the direction of arrow A, an upward direction. Thus, magnet 38 moves from locked position 26 to unlocked position 30, a position higher than locked position 26 and further away from latch 58. Upward movement of button 66 will cause slide 14 to be moved upward. Consequently, while portion 59 of latch 58 will rise with slide 14, portion 61 of latch 58 will fall with gravity so as to disengage from teeth 62 of rail 18 as shown by cross-section in Figure 5. Slide 14 may accordingly be moved up or down along the X-axis. Following adjustment of slide 14 to a desired height, button 66 is released allowing spring 42 to draw arm 24 to locked position 26. It should be noted that in this particular embodiment, magnet 26 ~~38~~ need not be in contact with latch 58 to hold latch 58 in place. There need only be sufficient magnetic force to suspend latch 58 in the locked position.